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MEETING MINUTES
STATE CONSUMER AND FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 13, 2009

Present: Nancy Black, Wilda Brown, Terry Burgess, Gladys Christian, Marianne Clayter, Zack Commander, Bill Cook, Kathy Crocker, Libby Jones, Laura Keeney, Ron Kendrick, Renee Sisk, David Taylor Jr, Amelia Thorpe, Rosemary Weaver and Glenda Woodson.

Absent: Carl Noyes, Paul Russ, and Andrea Stevens.

Resigned: Roger Griesinger.

Staff Present: Leza Wainwright, Stuart Berde, Jim Jarrard, Cathy Kocian, and Jesse Sowa.

Presenter & Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome Ron Kendrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ron Welcomed Stuart Berde, Acting Chief of Advocacy and Customer Service.	The agenda was approved. The June 2009 minutes were approved.
Introduction Stuart Berde	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stuart Berde expressed his appreciation of SCFAC and noted that the committee is valued within the Division of MHDDSAS. Given the recent budget cuts, all State departments are being required to come up with creative problem solving solutions in order to continue to do business. The SCFAC can discuss the recent travel restrictions implemented by the Governor and develop ways to accommodate and adjust to the current budget. Recently, the Mental Health Commission reduced their meetings to assist with the budget.	
Discussion with Division Leadership Leza Wainwright	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Leza has been officially appointed by Secretary Cansler as the Director of the Division of MH/DD/SAS. In spite of the current economic conditions affecting the state budget, she is willing to accept the challenge with the financial situation and focus on people most in need of services. Leza is aware that there will be issues to address within the provider community.The General Assembly (GA) web site www.ncleg.net posted the Conference Committee Report. Senate Bill 202 was signed by the Governor and Session Law 2009-451 can be reviewed at http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2009/Bills/Senate/PDF/S202v8.pdfLeza distributed the 2009-2011 Enacted Budget Excerpts of Interest to DMH/DD/SAS. SCFAC members were provided a detailed explanation of the reductions and increases within the Division of	

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	<p>MH/DD/SAS. Non-recurring reductions refer to the start of fiscal year 2011-2013, and the money would be returned to the designated program unless the GA acts to remove the reduction. A few of the key reductions mentioned include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No loan repayments are available as an incentive at the state facilities.○ NC DHHS Care-Line will eliminate the 3rd shift and week end hours will allow for 2 shifts.○ There will be a reduction to state funds supplementing CAP-MR/DD. The new term is Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities but the Federal government will need to change the term formally for this program. The Division still needs to develop two more tiers.○ The Technical Bill (HB 836) allows the Secretary to determine the cuts allocated to the LMES taking into account each LME's Fund Balance. The bill is located http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2009/Bills/House/PDF/H836v5.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sixty days following the enactment of S.L. 2009-451, the paraprofessional positions will be eliminated and if agencies only provide CSS there will probably be an increase in agencies going out of business.• Level III and IV residential group homes for children have had the funding reduced by 40%. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) may also direct NC to close group homes as they have been requiring other states to close group homes. Georgia was required to close their group homes two years ago. There needs to be written plans in place for discharge of the children to the community with goals and outcomes identified.• Given the amount of Medicaid cuts and the General Assembly's decision to eliminate Community Support Services (CSS), the Division has developed several work groups to assist with solutions. The following work groups have been formed and information regarding the meetings can be located at the following websites:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Medicaid Case Management Service Initiative http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/MedicaidCaseManagement.htm○ Community Support Steering Committee	<p>Leza will send out the current fund balance report to SCFAC members.</p>
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	<p>http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/comm_support/index.htm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GA mandated that all providers must bill electronically and be able to take an electronic fund payment by September 1, 2009. There will be no more paper checks mailed out after this date. • Central Regional Hospital (CRH), Dix Campus- will allow Wake County to pay for 24 inpatient psych beds that will be used for Wake county consumers. An additional 36 beds will be available for use by other counties for 1-7 day hospital stays. If additional time is needed to serve those with severe medical needs, then the individual will be sent to CRH. 	
<p>Budget Discussion Jim Jarrard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Jarrard, Chief of Resource Regulatory Management, provided additional information on the current reductions affecting the Division of MH/DD/SAS. The total net reduction to community services amounted to \$60,220,575. However, there was an increase in funding for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mobile Crisis \$1,045,000. ○ Start Crisis Services \$ 579,084. and ○ Crisis Service Inpatient beds (3 way contracts between the Division-LME-local hospitals) \$12,000,000. • The State facilities received a reduction in funding of \$95,348,628, and there will be the elimination of units and employment positions. However, the Division must keep up with staffing ratio requirements to ensure they meet CMS rules and accreditation requirements with the Joint Commission. Some of the full-time positions will be contracted staff and many positions must still be filled. Dix hospital has been allotted \$6,000,000 on time appropriation. • Jim explained to SCFAC that having budgeted funds is not the same as having the cash to pay for the expenses. Prior year expenses that exceed cash on hand are charged to the current year's budget line items. The priority of payments for all expenses was established by the DHHS/Division of MH/DD/SAS and the hierarchy, as it relates to payments for the Division, communities and the facilities is as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payroll, worker's comp and therapeutic wages. 2. LME Service dollars. 3. Food, Drugs and utilities. 4. Contracts. 5. LME Systems Management, travel, supplies, equipment, and other administrative costs. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual State appropriations are dispersed in 1/12 payments each month to each Division. The allotment along with incoming receipts (i.e. hospital receipts, federal funds, etc) is what makes up the cash on hand for each Division to use in order to make payments. Although the Division of MH/DD/SAS may have a total annual budget of approximately \$1.4 billion, they can only make payments as the cash on hand supports that budgeted figure and this varies day-to-day based on incoming receipts. 	
SCFAC Meeting Schedule SCFAC Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On average, each SCFAC meeting costs between \$4,000 -5, 000 a month. Currently, all state travel is restricted and staff is not even allowed to submit mileage reimbursement for use with their own cars. The state has requested that SCFAC meet quarterly. SCFAC members recommended that they would need to meet 6 times per year. Kathy Crocker stated that it's important for SCFAC to set the precedent of making the changes. SCFAC members approved the following motion: SCFAC recommends in response to the budget crisis to reduce their SCFAC meetings for a total of six meetings per year, while requesting a monthly update from the Division in between months that the SCFAC doesn't meet. 	Kathy Crocker will draft the letter to submit to the Secretary and Executive Leadership Team requesting to meet 6 times per year.
SCFAC Meeting Dates Ron Kendrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCFAC members decided to hold the remainder of their 2009 SCFAC meetings on September 10, 2009 and on November 12, 2009. 	
LOC Meeting Dates Ron Kendrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Legislative Oversight Committee on MH/DD/SAS has posted their meeting schedule. The following SCFAC members have agreed to attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 23, 2009- Nancy Black. October 14, 2009- Kathy Crocker. November 10, 2009- Laura Keeney December 9, 2009- Amelia Thorpe. 	Kathy Crocker will need to make arrangements to get on the October 14, 2009 LOC agenda and present the 2009 Local CFAC to SCFAC survey to the LOC.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gladys Christian is going to develop an article about SCFAC with the NC Council of Community Programs, and she has requested background information on SCFAC to assist with the article. Roger Griesinger resigned from SCFAC due to local obligations at this time. Andrea Stevens was not able to attend SCFAC because her son Justin was accepted into <i>Beyond Academics</i>, a college program in Greensboro. SCFAC members congratulated Justin and wished him much success in his new endeavor. Ron Kendrick stated that Verla Insko and Rennie Hobbie have suggested to 	Cathy Kocian will send Gladys Christian SCFAC information for use in the article.

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	<p>Ron that SCFAC be independent of all state agencies including the Division. In addition, it was suggested that the appointing authorities be required to meet with SCFAC members in order to gather feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy Kocian stated that local CFAC members would like to converse with SCFAC, and the SCFAC members were open to local CFAC members addressing SCFAC during public comment time and via email. The SCFAC email contacts are currently updated and are located at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/scfac/scfacmembercontactinfo.pdf • Rosemary Weaver commented on the current budget cuts that will impact gaps in services and recommended that SCFAC pursue peer support opportunities and training options in order to fill the gaps in services. 	
SCFAC Annual Report Ron Kendrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ron Kendrick mentioned that SCFAC needs to develop their annual report. Wilda and Ron will generate the draft report and each sub-committee chair will need to develop a written report that is due in November consisting of plans, goals and the direction each committee is taking with identified tasks. 	
LCFAC to SCFAC Survey Results Kathy Crocker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kathy Crocker distributed a rough draft of the local CFAC to SCFAC Survey results. The committee agreed to discuss the report in full at the September meeting. 	Kathy Crocker will generate a final report for SCFAC discussion at the September meeting.
Next Meeting Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2009 from 9:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Four Sisters Room at the Clarion Hotel State Capital, 320 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, N.C. 	
September 2009 Meeting Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the Agenda. • Approval of the August 2009 minutes. • Discussion with Division Leadership. • Local CFAC to SCFAC Survey results. • NC Council SCFAC Article. • Interface with local Representatives. • Task Team Work Sessions. 	